

Black Programs, Deep Black World

Code Names:

(1) Black programs may appear in the DoD budget (Pentagon's budget books) only as code names such as "Grass Blades," "Chalk Eagle," "Dark Eyes," "Guardian Bear," and "Sea Nymph." Other classified programs are covered by vague collective descriptions, and the dollar number for those items deleted. (2) A multi-level nomenclature system as a further defense against disclosure All DoD SAPs have an unclassified nickname, which is a combination of two unclassified words such as Have Blue or Rivet Joint (Have, Senior and Constant are frequently used as the first word in Air Force programs, Tractor in the army and Chalk in the navy).

Core-Secret:

(1) So sensitive that its very existence is waived (a technical term) from the normal management and oversight protocols (USAPs). Even members of Congress on appropriations committees (the Senate and House committees that allocate budgets) and intelligence committees are not allowed to know anything about these programs. (2) Defined in USAF regulations as any item, progress, strategy or element of information, the compromise of which would result in unrecoverable failure.

Covered:

Black programs that are masked by white (normal classification system) or unclassified programs. For example, the U-2 spy plane was covered by a weather-research aircraft program. Such covering allows technology to be relatively openly developed until such time as it is ready for application to a black program. The overt cover program is then usually cancelled, having accomplished its purpose.

Cover-Mechanisms:

Same as covered Actions and statements which are intended to conceal the existence of a black program by creating a false impression in public. Example the original identification of the U-2 spy plane as a weather-research aircraft and the concealment of the CIA's Lockheed A-12 spy plane behind is acknowledged cousins, the YF-12 and SR-71. Or the way in which people who work at Area 51 are nominally assigned to government or contractor organization in the Las Vegas area, and commute to the base in unmarked aircraft.

Example -> The Roswell UFO Crash:

July, 1947. Debris recovered by Army Air Force (AAF), who issued a press release saying "Flying Disk" had been recovered. Press release retracted the next day, and press conference held at which it was revealed the object was, in fact, a Rawin sonde (a device used to calibrate radar). A September 1994 Air Force report suggesting the 1947 Roswell UFO crash was in fact a remnant of a balloon launched as a then top secret program called Project Mogul would be an example of a cover-mechanism (the "Flying Disk" retraction and and press conference held in 1947 would have been a cover story).

Hello Lines:

Special Access Programs must have non attributable telephone lines, also called Hello Lines, connecting them to the outside world. Personnel who answer such a telephone must state the proper salutation, e.g. Good Morning or Hello. Do not use the company name.

SPECIAL ACCESS PROGRAM TERMINOLOGY

Prospective SAP (P-SAP):

A fast, covert way of establishing a SAP by the DoD before the program is formally reviewed and funded. The P-SAP may continue for up to six months.

Special Access Programs (SAPs):

-Programs considered to be too sensitive for normal classification measures protected by a security system of great complexity.

An acknowledged SAP may be openly recognized or known, however, specifics within the SAP will be classified.

There are three basic types of SAPs: